

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/09808

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : C12Q 1/68; C12P 19/34; C12N 5/00, 15/00, 15/63; A01N 43/04; C07H 21/02, 21/04

US CL : 435/6, 91.1, 91.3, 91.31, 375, 377, 440, 455; 514/44; 536/23.1, 24.1, 24.5

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/6, 91.1, 91.3, 91.31, 375, 377, 440, 455; 514/44; 536/23.1, 24.1, 24.5

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,107,094 A (CROOKE) 22 August 2000 (22.08.2000), column 4, lines 15-25, 60-67, column 5, lines 58-67, column 48, lines 53-67, column 14, lines 39-40, column 11, lines 55-61, column 7, lines 65-67, column 4, lines 15-24, and column 6.	1-71
A	STRUCK, M. Vaccine R&D success rates and development times. Nature Biotechnology. May 1996, Vol. 14, pages 591-593, especially page 592.	55 and 56



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Continuation of B. FIELDS SEARCHED Item 3:

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search terms: double strand RNA, RNA cleavage, ds RNase, oligomeric compound, 2' hydroxyl, peptide nucleic acid, pharmacokinetics, nucleoside, modulating RNA.